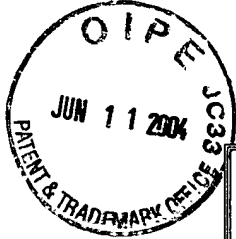


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The Office Action mailed December 11, 2003 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of

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Time allows Applicant until June 11, 2004, to file a response. Applicant submits that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully requests entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3; **Remarks** begin on page 14; and the **Conclusion** begins on page 18 of this paper.